tions on the first reading. A fool speaks without reflecting and

a mirror reflects without speaking. It doesn't cost anything to be polite

and it often pays enormous dividends

A man has the same kind of respec for a bully that he has for a mule's

No man ever tries to argue with his wife after two years of wedded hap-

The man behind the red nose has knocked out Alabama's proposed dis-

There are times when jim crow car legislation savors strongly of jackpot

pensary law.

statesmanship. The change in Chinese emperors would make a job for the coroner in

almost any other country. Whenever the demand for kisses exceeds the supply a young man is always anxious to establish a balance of

An individual whose ideas are vague as to his own duties usually has very clear ideas as to the duties of his neighbors.

Should France and Germany Intervene in the Transvaal controversy the act could not fail to arouse the Irish of Senator Hoar.

If a collision could be arranged be tween the one-eyed mountaineers of Kentucky and the three-card moun taineers of Chicago, it would be worth going miles to see.

Admiral Dewey has had all sorts o experience in boats, but something different will come to him when he takes that proposed trip over Chicago's all mud route to the Mississippi.

Four American steamers designed for the Pacific trade are each to be 73 feet long, with a capacity of 22,000 tons. Some of the builders say the transpacific liners of the future will be

Spain has nobly vindicated in hono and wisdom in deciding to zenew and maintain the treaty relationships which subsisted between that country and the United States before the war Spain means, that is to say, to mak the best of its altered circumstances tuining its face toward the light in stead of sulking in the shadows "From the frying pan into the fire" one of Spain's own proverba which happily it does not intend to adopt as Its rule of conduct.

The Puerto Rican problem present some difficulties. Under the colonia system of Spain, the Islanders enjoyed certain commercial privileges, in send ing their products to Spanish markets which they have now lost without re ceiving any compensating advantage from their connection with this country. The result has been great poverty and distress. If the products of Puerto Rico were to be admitted our great markets free of duty, would please the islanders, but dis please many of the tobacco and the sugar-raisers who are afraid of this competition. In these circumstance the proposal has been made in Cor gress to levy upon Puerto Rico goods one-half of the regular rates of duty Whether Congress has a right to levy upon them any duty is a much dispute constitutional question.

The Brazilian minister to the Unite States has been endeavoring to encourage the importation into this countr of Yerba mate or Paraguay tea, to take the place to some extent of Chinese tea. Yerba Mate is a stimulant used generally throughout South American countries. Most Americans who visi Southern countries become fond of th drink, though it seems doubtful if i will ever take the place of tea in this country. Our consul-general at Ric Janeiro in a report to the state de partment recommends its use, how ever, as an excellent stimulant and nerve tonic. "It is pre-eminently a temperance drink," he says, "and the temperance societies in the United States could do a very useful work by helping to popularize it. Yerba mate has all the stimulating and sustaining qualities of Chinese tea or of coffee without the detrimental effect caused through the oppressive silence: by their constant and excessive useaffection of liver and kidneys, irritation of the nervous system, etc,-and Kinley and honest money in 1896, are it is very cheap. The great masses in working ourselves out of a job." Uruguay and Argentine, including the famous gauchos (cowboys) of the pampas, who drink it constantly in- him on the train for the first time. ever use alcoholic stimulants. Intoxication is a rare occurrence there.

There are now, according to the wa department's report, 10,343,152 American citizens eligible for military duty These figures, coupled with the wide spread knowledge of American pro wess diffused during the recent Span ish war, are enough to make embat tled Europe think twice and crawl into a cavernous hole before attempting such an undertaking as combat with the giant of the new world.

A man never fully realizes the wor derful patience his wife has until h gets sick and has to be waited upon.

Count Boni de Castellane is now sai to be striving to secure a loan from Russell Sage. If Uncle Russell giver up his hard-won dollars to the husbane of Anna Gould there will be but one general opinion among financial menthat the lively nobleman is one of th cleverest and most persuasive gentle-

Puerto Rico's census gives a total 975,000 persons, a density of population equal to that of Massachusetts. Cub: has but a third more population though twelve times as large in area.

A trust in Bibles is the latest sign o the times. The pendulum of greed has almost swung to the farthest limi from the people. But it is going to swing back. A dozen years hence there vor of the retention of the Philippines may not be a trust in the land.

A New York woman who had n living relatives prevented consideral m by leaving her entire estat

It is apparent from the London dis int the track was a little to

LABOR OF THE WEST. The Capitalist of the East Is Always Anxious to Know About the Western Crops - This Class Reaps the Real

The western visitor in New York, Philadelphia, Washington or Boston is always asked the question, "How gards this question as a mere observation, calculated to make talk, somepeople of the East of the crop condition of the West, writes ex-Congressman Hinrichsen in the Illinois Democratic Press Bulletin.

question by a Washington capitalist, I answered him and then politely asked the condition of the crops in the East He seemed surprised and said: "We have no crops." This started a train of thought in my mind. I had begun to wonder what they did in the East. found that they had money and thrift and that we, of the West, furnished the wherewithal upon which they fad. How is it, then, that in the course of years, their stock of money grows greater, while ours grows less, and yet they get our wheat, our corn, our pork and our beef, in fact, everything we raise except what is absolutely necessary for our own subsistence? Their money makes money for them. The debts we owe them makes the interest charged large enough to overbalance

the farm production. The advance in the price of the gold dollar and the constant fall in the price of other articles makes it impossible for us to pay this debt, and year by year we find ourselves growing poorer and the money lenders of the East growing richer.

The large fortunes held in money roll over and over like the snow ball, increasing in size, absorbing everything in touch year by year, while the great mass of the people growing poorer and poorer, find but little satisfaction in the thought that the country as a whole is growing richer, and that the riches are all in the pockets of the men already rich. Is it any wonder then, that the moneyed men of the East are for a gold standard, and should not our people favor a rational increase of the volume of our currency, which can best be produced by the free and unlimited coinage of both silver and gold at a ratio of 16 to 1?

M'KINLEY, THE MONARCH.

Like Robinson Crusoe, the gentle man from Canton, Ohio,-not Canton, China, please remember-is to be left 'monarch of all I survey," to accommodate the political campaign now be ing inaugurated to make him Emperor of the outlying dependencies as well as President of these United States. The flat has gone forth, that is it is settled by the President's fellow imperialists, that he is to be left undisturbed in his rule over the colonies, because the fifty-sixth congress is afraid to tackle the question. As a Republican senator said:

"If we were to legislate for the Philippines we would draw the fire of the whole anti-expansion army of the country. We can avoid that by re maining quiet and leaving the Philip pines as they are."

The cards are already out, that is to say, the letter heads of the departnent of "Our Colonial are printed, and the Q. M. G., the A. A. 3., the A. G., and the Secretary of War are daily practicing penmanship on the virgin sheets, the Secretary of War even using one of them to write the house of representatives (of the U. S.) asking it to provide additional sergeants for the Q. M. D. This establishes a precedent, and we may new expect imperialism to be on the rampage, and it may not be long ere the pleblan American must give way before the high and mighty Lord of the colonial possessions. Faith though, what a come down it would be if the American citizen should refuse to pay the expenses of this almighty

DRUMMERS' REPENTANCE.

They were a seedy lot, even their jokes were threadbare. The returning Knights of the Roa 1 happened on Bryan's train, after a four months trip away from home at one-half their former salaries, doing the work of ten men each, to enable the trusts to pay large dividends and thus maintain prosperity. They were smoking "Stogies" in the enforced absence of choice Partagas, and, sitting in the Palace car perquisites, every one thought deeply. At last, breaking

"Say, Blobbs, it strikes me that thousands of us who worked for Mc-"That's about it," coincided Jobbs "I diun't know Bryan then. I just met

stead of water, tea or coffee, hardly How they played us for suckers. I thought Bryan wore his hair down his back and talked through his hat. Boys, I've found out something. Bryan suits "My size, exactly," confessed Nobb

"What a lot of asses we were in 1596. 'Advance agents of prosperity,' that's what they humbugged us with. "Well, weren't we?" queried Slobbs 'We gave our bosses all the prosperity, and there is nothing left for us."

"That's just it," remarked Hobbs "Our house had 160 men on the road and I had three States. Now there are less than a hundred and I must worry over eight States on split wages. was fool enough to vote for McKinley

in 1896, but-"Say no more," interrupted Gobbs, with a waive of his hand. "We are all with you. There isn't a sensible tray- has led to entangling alliances and the eling man in the United States that does not realize now what an ass he was, shouting for 'McKinley and Prosperity' in 1896. Where is it, boys? I mean the prosperity; we've got McKinley all right enough.

"I am for Bryan, and everything he represents. I want opportunities to live and have a little surplus, we don't | party has to contend, it is well for Mr get them with McKinley. Hurrah for McKinley and the official fatfryer that

All: "Hurrah for Bryan!"

EXPOSING THE FRAUD.

Senator Turner,in opposing the adoption of the Beverldge resolution in fafor all time, gives the imperialists : point to consider that is very penetral

The senator basis an objection to the etention of the Philippines upon the ogic of that central economic printiple of the Republican party-protec-The Kansas City Times, allud ing to the senator's point, says: "Benator Turner's contention cannot be re- defeated by trimmers.

PRODUCER CONSUMED | futed without the admission that the Republican plea for a high tariff, which that party has been making for the past thirty years, on the ground that It HOW WALL STREET LIVES ON is essential, in order to protect American workingmen against the competi tion of the pauper labor of other countries, has been a delusion, a sham, a false pretense and a campaign ruse, de vised for the purpose of gold-bricking the laboring classes of the country out of their vote. He insists as a matte of fact too obvious to be clouded by political sophistry, that, even if, as che imperialists contend, the inhabitants are crops out west?" He generally re- of these islands will, under a colonial system, have all the privileges of citl zens of the United States for them thing like that on the weather. But he selves and their products, it will relittle realizes the importance to the sult in the paunerizing of the labor of this country, inasmuch as the 10,000, 000 underpaid and underfed natives of the archipelago will be pitted competitively against the artisan, the mechan A few years ago when asked this ic and laboring men of the United States."

THE SALT TRUST.

An insignificant thing is sait, but it is a staple and therefore fair game for the trusts to monopolize. Here it is as set forth in the Evansville Courier: "The National Salt Company is \$12,000,000 New Jersey corporation formed in 1899. By ownership and lease of factories, and by purchase of product, it now controls about 90 per cent of our product of salt. It and the smaller combinations, which it has absorbed, have since 1896 nearly doubled the price of common salt to many consumers in this country. has "dead rented" and closed many o its plants and is now being prosecuted in Ohio, because it has, for monopoly purposes, bought and closed three or

four furnaces at Pomeroy, Ohio. The officers of this trust and of the United Salt company, the local Ohio corporation, are mainly Standard Oil people; in fact, this trust appears to be an adjunct to the Standard Oil trust. With such backing we may expect it to do much during the nex few years to teach us the so-called "Economic advantages of trusts."

DRIVEN TO DESPERATION.

The trusts and monopolies have way of getting around high price that the poor cannot touch. They simply give a poorer article at a higher price and continue their work of be nevolence. This time wool aggravates the trusts and they avoid the high price of it in the following manner, according to the Springfield Republi-

"The high price of wool is driving manufacturers to the use of rags and shoddy and cotton in the manufacture of cloth to an exceptional degree, se the trade papers say, and this is, of course, what would be expected. Prices in the rag market are accordingly quite as strong and buoyant as in the wool market. As the general purchasing power of the people has not increased to such an extent as the prices of wool and rags and shoddy, the result of it all will be that the masses must wear more adulterated woolen clothing than usual and pay a higher price for the same. We hope however that this will not increase the liability of the people to colds and grip and pneumonia, in accordance with a theory advanced by the late David A. Wells."

PUZZLED.

Mr. McKinley is in danger of being ook to drive through the world's open door. Having got everything he wanted, like the child who got hold of a wasp, he wishes he hadn't got it. This time it is the question of church property in the Philippine and Puerto Rico. The President wants to do the right thing, particularly on the eve of his presidential campaign and therefore he desires to placate the Roman Catholies in regard to the disposal of this property. But, alas there are others who want him to do the wrong thing. Hence he is puzzled very much embarrassed. He will be damned if he does, and damned if h don't. It never yet has occurred to Mr. McKinley to do the right thing always and having demonstrated his inability to do anything but wabble, it is time for him to step out of the way and le the car of American progress move along on the lines it was intended to run.

ON THE ANXIOUS SEAT.

The Republican managers and trust nagnates who are running McKinley's administration for all they can get out of it are becoming anxious about their future. They do not believe McKinley Is such a "sure thing" as he was since so many scandals have been discovered smoker through the deprivation of It is conceded in administration circles that there is danger of Mr. Bryan' success, and every effort will be made to minimize the danger as much as possible." Thus speaks the Washington correspondent of the Chicago Times-Herald, who wouldn't print it i untrue. The Milwaukee News says this means "fat-frying."

"There will be great activity in fatfrying operations from now on. The trust magnates realize that they are "up against the real thing." Not only has the Republican party to contend with the feeling that demands a change in administration every four years, but it is compelled to face dissatisfaction in every quarter. In placating plutoc racy the administration has pursued a course that will compel it to answer to the people for its favoritism to trusts and financial syndicates, for the scandals of the department of war and the treasury department's scandalous

transactions with Standard Oll. "And not least of the dissatisfaction with which the administration will be forced to contend is its policy of imperialism and its concomitants of militarism and enormous expenditures and excessive taxation. This policy repudiation of the republican idea by those whom the American people have entrusted with its care. This policy of the administration undermines the fundamental principles of free government and its overthrow is vital to the perpetuation of our institutions.

"In view with what the Republica they "are not living in any fool's paradise as to the outlook this year." I will take a larger dose of oil to still the troubled waters than it took in 1896. A storm is gathering that will tax the resources of Standard Oil t bring the old hulk safely into port."

EDITORIAL ETCHINGS.

Can the tall wag the dog? Whether can or not depends upon the concel of those who think it can. The 2.10 of 1 per cents of 1896, are under the deluzion that the 6,500,000 will wag to the music of the gold standard. Bryan is not going to be elected or

HIGH PRICE OF PAPER.

TARIFF TAX ON WOOD PULP COSTLY ONE.

May Compel Subscribers to Pay More for Their Country Newspaper - The Cry for Its Instant Repeal Is Very Loud-Paper Trust Robbery.

There are very conclusive reasons why the present tariff tax on wood pulp and printing paper should be re- had heard the words of Lemuel Starne. previously agreed upon among the conpealed, and there is no reason in the Capt. Elvin nodded to him when he interest of American industry that pleads for the continuance of these taxes. They are now simply an element of robbery under color of law, and they should be effaced from our statutes. The paper trust is now taxing the

newspaper and book publishers of the country many millions, not because of be was so thoroughly aroused to the any such actual increase in the cost of | necessities of his situation that he | up for the day and wandered around to producing paper, but because the trust | grimly bore it without a word, and fell | look at the place. Capt. Elvin aphas the power to extort from the purchasers of paper up to the extent that would make tariff-taxed foreign paper and pulp cheaper than the prices demanded here. This trust has played its scheme of extortion to the uttermost, and congress should at once remove the tax that protects no American industry and that has become only an agent to rob the consumers.

Two-thirds of the wood pulp used it the manufacture of paper for American consumption should come from Canada, but it is excluded by a tariff tax, and we are now rushing headlong in the destruction of our forests, while Canada, with its almost limitless supply of timber, cannot reach our markets because of the tax imposed by the tariff.

The two conclusive reasons which should make congress act promptly are -first, that the paper trust should be at once halted in its rapid destruction of our American forests by the admission of free wood pulp from Canada; and, second, that the present extortion practiced by the paper trust upon publishers of newspapers and books shall cease to have the protection of the gov ernment.

The time has come when any trust that makes arbitrary profits by tariff duties must cease to be protected by the government. Where American industry needs protection it is reasonable to permit it, but where alleged protection is used only for systematic robbery, It must be overthrown.

We can now manufacture paper as cheaply as any country in the world. There is no excuse whatever for a tax upon the manufactured articles, and the raw material should be free, not only because the general principle is correct, but because if it shall not be done promptly our forests will be practically destroyed within a few years by tariff taxes excluding the lumber of Canada from our markets.

Paper and pulp must be made free of all taxes, as the paper trust has demonstrated that these taxes serve only a single purpose-that is to invite robbery under color of law .- Philadelphia Times.

A Hard Rain-

"It rains a great deal in the Puget sound country," said the man from that section, "and I heard of a funny incident not long ago about it. Some chap had come from the Missippi valley to take up his residence at What com, on Bellingham bay, where there run over by the imperial band wagon | are very high tides. When the boat anded him at the end of the long plet extending over the tide flats the water was low and the new man didn't notice anything but a wide stretch of sand between the boat and the town. It was in the evening about dark and was raining, and he went to the hotel on the front street and stayed there, going to bed without having gone out for a up he looked out and the tide was in. the water coming up close to the hotel. He gazed at the widespread waters for an instant, and, throwing up his hands in astonishment, he exclaimed, 'Gee whiz, but it must have rained hard last night!' Then he hurried down stairs to the office to find out if there was any danger from the flood, and the clerk smiled four or five times and gave him some much-needed information."-Washington Star.

Both in the Same Box.

A parson who occasionally preaches in South London arrived to take the place of the vicar, who had been called away on account of some family bereavement, and found an old and rather asthmatic lady struggling up the steps which led to the front door. He cour teously gave her his arm to assist he and when they reached the top the dame asked him if he knew who was going to preach. "Mr. So-and-So," replied the parson, giving his own name. "Oh, dear me," exclaimed the old lady "help me down again, if you please: I'd rather listen to the groaning and creaking of a windmill than sit under him," and she prepared to descend. Th parson gently assisted her downstairs and sighfully remarked as he bade her good-by: "I wouldn't go in, either, if I weren't the preacher."

New Method of Lighting Tunnels. A new method of lighting tunnels is about to be adopted in one constructed in Paris for an electric road. Electric lamps will be turned on automatically as the train enters the tunnel and cut off automatically as it emerges. The lights are arranged on each side on a level with the windows of the cars, so that during daytime it will not be necessarry to turn on the light in the cars. This mode has been devised by a French inventor, and doubtless will be found of great utility.

Domestic Reminders. Wife-Do you know what you re mind me of? Husband-No, but I do know what you remind me of. Wife-

What? Husband-Of every little thing

I forget to attend to that you ask me

about .- Detroit Free Press. Friend-What queer language you husband uses. He pronounces every word a half a dozen different ways, Wife-Yes, he has a dozen different dictionaries .- New York Weekly.

Brown-"I hear Jones is looking around for new quarters." Smith-"Oh, I guess he isn't particu lar about their newness. He borrowed an old one from me this morning."-New York World.

Pretty Low Tomperatu Teacher-"What happens when man's temperature goes down as far as it can go?" Smart Scholar—"He has cold feet, ma'am."-Christian Regis-

Rob Gleverdale's Adventure.

CHAPTER XI. On the following morning Rob rose weary and aching from a bed on which

"Eat heartily," he said. "You have a day of hard work before you." his body ached from the excessive ex- turn. ertion of his walk the day before. But to on the breakfast as if he was really a happy boy. Breakfast over, Capt. Elvin lighted a

rigar and offered one to Rob. 'Thank you, sir, I don't smoke," said "Not smoke! A nephew of Torrevo not smoke!"

"But I was not always with my un-

ele Ricardo," said Rob. "True. Boys in New York do earn to smoke as early as they do my life." pere. Well, Ricardo, come. Let's get The Englishman led the way to the

which there were paper and writing naterials. "That is your place," he said. "You are young for this trust, but Torrevo 20t going to trust you far. You will anow the names of the men you write

ELVIN WATCHED HIM DO THIS.

Every."

wealth.

number two.

the revolutionists.

wrote a letter to his uncle.

"I am ready sir," said Rob, dipping

"The blue flag waves," said Elvin

"The blue flag waves," repeated Rob,

"I will go on. The blue flag waves.

Cat bay. Three days from this a storm

"I have that down, sir," said Rob.

"Very well. Mark that form number

is expected. Cover your house well."

"It is marked number one, sir."

"Now another. Are you ready?"

ther, and write them very plainly."

"Write these letters, one after an-

"FWFSZUIJOHJTSFBEZ. ZPVXJM

MBUPODFBTTFNCMFZPVSMPSDFT

This was a terrible jumble to Rob

tho knew nothing about writing in

"Correct," said Elvin. "It is an easy

ipher, but none of the letters will get

into the hands of the government, and

even if one did, I don't think there is

any one who would bother to make it

"Loyalty to loyalty, and Black Cat

"That's all. You will sign to each

etter you write the name Vin. You

understand, it is the last syllable of

"Now, here are three lists of names.

You have the first letter marked num-

"The short one is number three

These lists of names are numbered one,

two and three. You will send a letter

of each number to every person named

"Here are envelopes. There are

stamps. Do it all up in good shape,

and perhaps in a week or two you will

have something to remember this oc

Eivin stood over him while

studied the names on the lists.

Rob thought he would, too, if his

List number one was made up of

America, most of them being in Ar-

two, or those to whom the cipher was

ilians in South American countries.

habit, and as he wrote a letter from

form number one he would address an

to be sent, were men in the republic, think I am. I could have gone las

most of them with some kind of a mil- night, but I wanted to finish the job

itan title. Rob's curiosity was aroused they set me at, so that I could get

at this, and he resolved to read the this letter off to you. There are three

cipher, if possible. There were about kinds of letters I am writing, and I

a hundred of these names. List number can only read one. That is the very

was to be sent, were scattered all over in cipher, but I made it out. It is

the world, but most of them were civ- being sent to several generals and

It was clear to Rob that he had more and says: 'Everything is ready, You

than one day's work before him. He will at once assemble your forces an

envelope from list number one, and Black Cat Bay, If I get back to the

then check off that name. Eivin schooner I will be safe until Eivin watched him do this a few times, and finds me. But I hope you will come

began at once. He was methodical in join me here.-Vin.' The name

in the list bearing the same number.

Do you understand that?"

own plans did not fail,

ber one. Did you mark the cipher

"Got that all down?" asked Elkin.

his pen in the ink.

writing it down.

"Ready, sir."

"Yes, sir," said Rob.

BOEKPJONFIFSF.

"Read them over."

Rob repeated the letters.

out. Now take this down."

"I am ready, sir."

ends greetings."

my own name."

"Yes, sir."

number two?

"Yes, sir."

"Is that all, sir."

"Yes, sir."

"Have you got that?"

and write | made to spell anything. Starting with

was no way to fit the same rule to F,

and make sense. This would be ARA.

B. He kept this up, with all the inge-

spair of reaching it, when he tried E.

The first five letters gave the word

With his heart beating faster now

letter that came before it in the alpha-

government. This means, perhaps, ruin

to his uncle in Buenos Ayres. And if

his uncle was killed, perhaps Elvin

would take all his property and

With his heart filled with boyish

courage, Rob wrote the letters in ci-

Then he addressed envelopes from list

The message in form number three

neant nothing to him. The nearest he

another cargo of contraband goods,

But what had loyalty to do with smug-

Fortunately, Elvin remained away,

out the design he had formed. He

"Dear Uncle David," he wrote, "I

overboard from the Royal Mail. I was

against the government of Argentina.

The head man's name is Richard El-

colonels and captains in Argentina

means Elvin, 'Here' means a house

not far from the river, at a spot called

out, the message read as follows:

then, with a satisfied nod of his head, he walked out.

Of course, letter number one was not he had tossed in wakefulness since he clear to Rob. It was evidently a form spirators, to be sent under certain constepped out into the large room, and ditions. Rob soon had it word for at once led the way to the dining- word in his memory, and wrote the letters rapidly. But it took him till late in the afternoon to finish list number one. He had stopped for lunch, but It seemed to Rob that every bone in ate alone. Capt. Elvin did not re

It had begun to grow dark, and Rob felt tired of the work. So he gave it peared for supper and looked over the letters Rob had addressed. Rob noted with pleasure that he did this carelessly and did not see half of them. "You finished number one?" said the captain.

"Yes, sir. I got tired, and left the others till morning."

"That's all right. You did well, could not do it. I could not sit down and write an hour at a stretch to save

Rob had a good night's rest, and after his breakfast the next morning tackled number two. The captain went office again, and pointed to a desk on off again, and Rob's curiosity had grown so that now, while he was fresh, he felt like reading the cipher. But it was a mystery. Such a meaningless lot of letters he never saw before. Turn spoke highly of you. He said you and twist them as he would he could could be trusted. But, after all, I am make nothing of them. Suddenly it occurred to him that these letters did not spell the message at all. They to, and that is all. Now, I will give must, then, stand for other letters in you three forms of letters. They are in the alphabet. How was he to learn eipher, and no one except those who what they stood for? He took the first eceive them can read them. Then I sentence. FWFSZU, and so on, meant will give you a list of names for each absolutely nothing, and could not be

after me, or send someone. I warn you against Lemuel Starne, whose name is Elvin. He is trying to get Eisie and your money. He tried to kill me to prevent me from reaching you. Please try and get me away from these men. I am afraid they will

kill me yet. Your loving nephew, "ROB CLEVERDALE." Itob addressed an envelope to "David Horton, Buenos Ayres," and slipped the letter, folded neatly, into it. Then he placed this among the letters of number one, that he had written the previous day and which Elvin had looked over

(To be continued.)

GARFIELD AND MR. MOODY. They Looked Alike and Had the Sam Gift of Captivating Friends.

"There was a striking resemblance

between the late Mr. Moody and President Garfield," said a New Orleans newspaper man the other evening "Garfield was the taller of the two but otherwise they were strangely alike. They had the same massive frame, the same suave, smiling cast of features, the same enthusiastic temperament, the same facility for anec dote, and the same effect of sincerity in everything that they said or did. Their style of oratory was almost identical and both possessed the gift of captivating people at first sight. One of Mr. Moody's most ardent admirers, for instance, was A. C. Wheeler, the well known New York dramatic critic, who writes under the nom de plume of 'Nim Crinkle,' and it would be impossible to imagine two men more utterly dissimilar. Wheeler is a veteran Bohemian and a maker of polished phrases; a student, a dreamer, a poet, and a noted after-dinner wit In appearance he is thin, frail, and a trifle sardonic-in every way the antithesis of the evangelist, yet the warmest friendship sprung up between them, lasting uncooled to the end. I interviswed Mr. Moody several times,' continued the speaker, "on the last occasion about three years ago, and I asked him among other things, what preparation, if any, he made for his onger public addresses. 'Why, I jot down a memorandum of a string of stories,' he replied, with one of his characteristic, boyish laughs. Then he explained that he mapped out his general line of argument in advance thinking up some striking anecdotes with which to clinch each successive point. That was all done mentally, and the only notes he made were a few catch words on a card to remind him of the stories in case any of them should slip his mind. He showed me one of these memoranda and I have often regretted that I did not ask him for it as a souvenir. It was simply a

are a few I remember. Each was a cue to one of his inimitable little tales,"-New Orleans Times-Democrat.

'breaking in new boots'-those

CATS CAN SWIM. An Old Fisherman's Story in Illustratio of That Fact.

"Can cats swim?" was asked of an

string of words, unintelligible to any

body except himself-for example

ocean greyhound,' 'battle of Water-

loo,' 'coral reef insect,' 'first locomo-

the reply, "and that reminds me of a cat I once tried to drown that swam ashore. Surely there must have been hundreds or thousands of people who have drowned cats in the same way but nevertheless this was an experience of my own. We had a cat that we A, the first letter of the alphabet, Rob | wanted to get rid of, and as humane a tried to make F stand for it. But there way as any to kill it was by drowning So I put a couple of bricks in the bottom of an old grain sack and nut in It might lead to something. But when the cat, and tied the bag up carefully he had gone through the sentence he and securely and walked down to the found it would not do, and began on end of a wharf and stood there and swung the bag, with the cat and the walk. The next morning when he got La Plata smooth and friends find easy nuity his young head was capable of, bricks in it round like a sling until I sailing. Splendid anchorage in Black and tried C and D. He began to de- could give it a good momentum and then let it go, and slung it out to fall and sink in the water, I should say twenty feet away. I supposed of course, that that was the last of the Rob kept on his way. Each letter of cat, but the next morning the first the simple cipher really stood for the thing I saw when I went out of the house was the cat sitting on the verbet. And when he had studied it all anda. I suppose the bag had a weak spot in it somewhere, the bricks were "Everything is ready. You will at heavy and sharp-cornered, and swingonce assemble your forces and join me ing the bag round that way started it more, and the cat was desperate; This meant something, surely. It and with the bag that way it scratched meant that a revolutionary army was and tore its way out and got to the to assemble under Richard Elvin and | wharf and clawed its way up and came make an attack on the forces of the sshore. Can a cat swim? Why, sure!'

> The Midshipmen's Trick One bitterly cold, dark night in the beginning of 1855, when we were at anchor off Sebastopol, and the decks and rigging were covered with snow, the officer of the watch, a lieutenant pher, as he had been ordered to do. we all disliked, told us midshipmen to warm ourselves by sweeping a gangway along the quarterdeck, where he could walk up and down, says Sir Edmund Varney in the Contemporary. could come to a guess was that it in- While we were doing this he went be formed the persons to whom it was low to have a cup of cocoa; so we arsent that the "Black Cat" had brought ranged a ridge of hard snow two or three feet away from the top of the hatchway, calculating that when he gling? No. it was another revolution- came up and put his foot on the firm ary message, and the "Black Cat" had hard deck he would take the next step perhaps been taken as the symbol of with confidence. This was exactly what happened. Coming up from the bright light of the cabin, he took his and Rob had an opportunity to carry second step gally in the darkness, tripped over the snow and fell on his nose, to our great joy. Whether or not he suspected that the trap had been was not drowned when I was thrown set on purpose for him we never knew He urrected one of the men to remove picked up by a smuggler, and am now the snow ridge. Perhaps he thought a prisoner among some men who are it as well to say nothing to us, because smugglers, and also conspirators he had no right to order us to sweep away snow, and he had no business to go below and drink cocoa when officer vin, and he thinks I am the nephew of of the watch.

Torrevo, the captain of the schooner that picked me up. If he knew I was Engaging Frankness Edith-There is one thing in particuwriting this, he would kill me. The man who threw me overboard was lar that I like Mr. Tactin for. He is Lemuel Starne, the same one who is so frank, you know. He always tells trying to marry my cousin Elsie. He | me of my faults without the least hesi-That was the agreement l is a scoundrel. He is really the son tation. of Elvin. He comes here, and I am caused him to make. Bertha-Do you afraid he will recognize me. So, as mean to say that you do not get an names and addresses in cities of South | soon as I get this off with a lot of let- | gry with him? Edith-Never. Bertha -Tell me some of the faults he ha ters I am writing to other conspirators gentina. Some were even in New York, I am going to slip out of the window found in you. Edith-O, he hasn't found any yet. When I ask him to a few in London and Paris. There and go back to the schooner Black name them he always says that I am were about 300 in all. List number Cat.' Captain Torrevo told me to faultless.-Stray Stories. come back if I was in danger, and I

Judge-And what did the prisoner say when you told him that you would have him arrested? Complainant-He answered mechanically, yer honor, three, to whom the "Loyalty" letter one that seems hardest to read. It is Judge - Explain. Complainant-He hit me on the head with a hammer Stray Stories.

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